



eSchoolData
Monthly Newsletter
September 2021



Welcome back to our WNYRIC eSchoolData Community!

Upcoming Events:

Monthly eSchoolData Call: Our first meeting for the 2021-22 School Year will be October 6, 2021. This will be a chance for us to introduce the updates implemented over the summer months and start to look at what will be coming soon. We will also have an opportunity to review some basic guidelines and best practices as a refresher for the new school year. Whether you are an eSD expert or new to our SMS this year, we encourage all our districts to participate. Here is the information to join our next virtual monthly call:

[Register Here](#) or Join Directly to WebEx: [Click to follow](#)
 Wednesday, October 6, 2021 10:00 am | Meeting Number: 2620 788 0552 | Password: xtY2MC4Psv5
 Join by phone +1-408-418-9388 United States Toll (Access code: 2620 788 0552)

Updates:



Team News: Over the summer, Ashley Beyea was appointed as WNYRIC’s eSchoolData Coordinator! Please join us in congratulating her on this well-deserved promotion. You can find the most up-to-date team contact information on the attached document.

eSD 9.2.1: eSchoolData version 9.2.1 is our most recently released update. With the new and upcoming releases, you will see more options for displaying gender and pronouns within eSD, on the portals, on other reports and on transcripts. This area is still under development as eSchoolData receives information from New York State on data reporting. There have also been updates for easier viewing of co-teachers under Scheduling > Courses, additional columns available within Teacher Connect to view partial scheduling, and additional enhancements and corrections to make your everyday processes run smoother. *(Note: Some of these new features will require additional permissions added to security groups, for example modifying system pronouns).*

Student Digital Access: To collect the data the state is collecting regarding student access to technology, a new student status type of “Digital Access” has been added. Schools can record multiple entries as applicable for each student. Mass updating will be available in a future release, currently it is updated on the student status tab of the profile tab for students.



Important Note: There is a new Digital Access template report available from Reports > Registration > Administrative Reports > Student Digital Resources Survey. **If a data element is missing from a student, it will still display in this report. However, it will not be exported to the state as the state has informed eSD they do not want missing information reported.**

Reminders:

Learning Codes: With schools back in session full time, the learning codes (aka the colored “dots”) can be **ended**. We strongly encourage you do not delete the learning code student statuses to preserve the dates for historical records. You can end these status codes in mass under Program > Mass Update Student Status. Feel free to reach out to the team for assistance with ending your codes at eSchoolDataTeam@e1b.org.

Attendance Closeout Defaults: Please make sure that a new attendance closeout default has been created for each individual building under Student > Attendance > Attendance Closeout Defaults. There should be a default created specifically for the 2021-22 school year, typically with a date any time after 08/01/2021. When you select the most recent default and click “search”, you will want to verify that every grade and every daycode in use has a closeout default assigned (either a specific period or a percent of the attendance).

Teachers: We’ve compiled a few of our favorite teacher tips and tricks into a single sheet to help both new and experienced teachers with our eSchoolData Teacher Connect! Feel free to review our guide and then pass it along to your teachers.

Feedback Requested: Please help us keep our distribution lists current! Take a moment to fill out this survey for anyone that should be receiving correspondence. We know there have been many changes over the past few months, submitting this form will make sure we are reaching those who need the information! If you know of anyone that isn’t getting our newsletters and would like to, please forward the survey link to them for completion.

Survey Link Here: <https://forms.wnyric.org/eSD-forms/2021-22-eSD-Distribution-List>

eSD Calendar Trainings and Webinar Recordings

Calendars: Thank you to everyone who attended our August Calendar Training Webinars! If you were unable to attend or would like to review the information, feel free to review the recordings (please see below) and send any additional questions or requests for further training to eSchoolDataTeam@e1b.org.



Also, please make sure that every calendar in your district that requires attendance to be tracked (including homebound buildings) has a calendar with a daycode set up under District > Calendar. If you have a building that still needs a calendar, please make sure the MP Specs are sent into the team so it can be implemented.



Webex meeting recording: eSD Calendars: Topic One

Recording link: <https://e1b.webex.com/e1b/ldr.php?RCID=5aa576d8ff2f4a048d98e419df6ce612>

Webex meeting recording: eSD Calendars: Topic Two

Recording link: <https://e1b.webex.com/e1b/ldr.php?RCID=df16e29c2d04462ff348fc0f88dc29ca>

Webex meeting recording: eSD Calendars: Topic Three

Recording link: <https://e1b.webex.com/e1b/ldr.php?RCID=a1304bd544ef4bc979ec7147e4313f48>